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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroshi YOSHIDA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2812**

Application Number: **10/518,391**

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For: **MAGNETORESISTIVE RANDOM-ACCESS MEMORY DEVICE**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated August 9, 2006.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims (1-11) and Group II, Claims (12-13).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims (1-11) for prosecution in this application. This election is made **with traverse** because this application is a US national stage of **PCT application**. Group I and Group II satisfy the combination of categories provided in under 37 CFR § 1.475(b) and satisfy unity of invention under 37 CFR §1.475(b).

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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